



OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY 12th OCTOBER 2025

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR PRISONERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL We welcome Fr Henry Somah to preach at the Masses this weekend. Fr Henry will make an appeal on behalf of the Society of African Missions (SMA) to support their work in Africa where the missionaries serve in seventeen different countries in that continent.

A sincere thank you for the very generous response to the Family Fast collection at the Masses last weekend – one of the best ever as far as I can recall. I am sure you will also be pleased to note the response (see below) to the foreign currency and obsolete UK currency appeal earlier in the year.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 12th October 2025 – Sunday 19th October 2025

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Neville & Paul Schofield RIP People of the Parish Nathalie Whitehead RIP
Monday	Ferial Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Lloyd Hayes RIP
Tuesday	Ferial Adoration	6.30pm 7.30pm	John Birch RIP
Wednesday	St Teresa of Avila, V, D Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Carole Roe RIP
Thursday	St Margaret Mary Alacoque, V, R	9.30am	Wendy & Pam Birch RIP
Friday	St Ignatius of Antioch, B, M	8.15am 12.00pm	Mass in Harrytown Catholic HS In Thanksgiving (M Hooley)
Saturday	St Luke, Ev Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Malcolm Berry RIP Neville & Paul Schofield RIP
Sunday	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Dexter Samuels RIP

PARISH LIVE STREAM Please go to www.churchservices.tv/romiley

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Kieran O'Brien, Lionel & Jenny Rawlings, Jaar Jones, Michael Christie, Mandy Keane, Joyce Osbourne, Michael O'Sullivan, Katelyn Reilly, Amy Harris, Elizabeth Brown, Bridget Robertson, Valerie Gahan, Marina Hernandez, Eamon Curran, Howard Moore, Sheila Murphy, Michael Sainsbury, Moira McNeill, John Bardsley, Isaac Saed Iqbal, Simon Wright, Margaret Colicroot, Rory Ireland, Helen Bridge, Patricia Godfrey, Mary Sainsbury, Rita Stevens, Margaret Maycock, Sr Margaret Mary Foley, James Smart, Nathalie Whitehead, Margaret Wooliscroft, Joan Marshall, Glenis Keenan, Michael Walsh, Kathleen Holland, Kath Bradley, Evleyn Richardson, Grace Watts. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

ANNIVERSARIES James Regan, Frances Barratt, Terry McGuinness, John Holland, Donald Davidson, Mary Greenhalgh, Flornce Russell, Malcolm Berry, Arthur Anderson, Minnie Waterworth.

DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE (CONTACTLESS) This is situated at the back of the church for parishioners who wish to use this method for their regular Offertory donations.

SUNDAY READINGS 28th Sunday C: 2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17: 11-19. **Preface:** 7, page 67. **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 27.

THE REAL PRESENCE: WHAT TAKES PLACE AT EVERY CATHOLIC MASS A very good short film (28 minutes) on the Mass. To view please click here [here](#)

MISSION APPEAL There will be an appeal on behalf of the Society of African Missions at the Masses this weekend. The appeal will be made by Fr Henry Somah SMA. There will be a retiring collection at all the Masses and donations may also be made using the contactless card machine. Please see the posters at the back and side door of the church.

Ladies Guild meeting on Thursday October 16th at 7.30pm. There will be a quiz and raffle. All welcome.

Piety Stall We now have our Christmas stock in. Boxes of Christmas cards £4, packets of Christmas cards £2, diaries £3.50 and calendars £1. The piety stall will be open the weekends of 11th and 12th October, 25th and 26th October, 22nd and 23rd November and 6th and 7th December.

MARY'S MEALS You may recall that during the summer there was a collection of foreign and obsolete UK currency to support the work of Mary's Meals. The coins & notes came from more than 40 different countries! The total value came to an incredible £586.40, which is enough to provide at least 30 children (the equivalent of a whole class here in UK) with a daily meal in school for a full year or at 10p per serving, that's enough to provide 5864 nutritious portions of Mary's Meals. Thank you for supporting the currency collection in church.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT The fourth and final count takes place at all the Masses this weekend. Counters are asked to note the numbers including children attending each Mass on the forms provided and return to the sacristy. Thank you. The annual Mass count is part of the statistical information the parish submits to the Diocese at the end of the year.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP The next meeting will take place on Thursday 16 October from 10:00am until 11.30am in the St Christopher Centre. The group is for anyone who has experienced a bereavement and is an opportunity to share your feelings, however if you don't want to chat you are welcome to come along just for the tea and coffee! This is not a counselling service but is a space to get support from others who have experienced bereavement. For more information, please contact Susan Carr on 07543 408551.

CONFIRMATION 2026 Young people in Years 9 & 10 who are eligible for Confirmation should let Fr Michael know of their interest as soon as possible. There will be a preparation programme in the St Christopher Centre for all who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation – more details to follow. The date of the Confirmation Mass which will be celebrated by the Bishop is on 3rd March 2026.

200 CLUB WINNERS FOR SEPTEMBER Mark Cannon, Joanne Coll, Fr Michael. Please collect your winnings from the small sacristy. Thank you.

EVERGREEN GROUP – St Christopher Centre, Wednesdays from 1.30pm – 3.30pm

15th October Sit down Exercises

22nd October Return of Mark Llewellyn with 'You're having a laugh'

Radio Maria invites you to our **Mariathon, 15th–17th October**, as we “Turn Up the Volume” on the Quiet Revival in our nation. Hear inspiring guest speakers share stories of faith, growth, and renewal. Tune in via DAB+, the Radio Maria app, online at www.radiomariaengland.uk, or smart speaker.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - 7 weeks to go. This year our fair takes place on Saturday 29th November in the St Christopher Centre starting at 12.00 noon. The fair is a fantastic social occasion, and it has been lovely to see so many parishioners, families and the wider community attend over recent years.

As well as our usual stalls, our Grand Christmas raffle takes place at the end of the fair. A number of prizes have already been confirmed with the top prize being a Two Night Hotel Break for Two. Raffle tickets will be available from next weekend priced at £3 per book. A list of all raffle prizes confirmed so far will also be in the newsletter and on the parish website.

We now require donations of items for the fair, specifically **bottles, chocolates and sweets**. If you are able to donate such items, please bring up to church and we thank you in advance for your generosity.

Finally, if anyone wants to be a part of helping with the fair in any capacity, please contact Sarah Strickland (07447 014445) or Matthew Standing (07881811668)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Boxes are available and can be found on the table at the back of church together with leaflets with instructions on how to fill a box. Some hats, etc., balls and soft toy animals can be taken as well. The collection date will be on 25th & 26th October.

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection: £698.35. Friday Family Fast Day £1,736.60. Standing orders & faster payments for September £2,577.00. Contactless card donations for September £497.00. Thank you for your great generosity.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS Four green crates of groceries five well-filled carrier bags of groceries were delivered to St Mark's last week plus cash donations amounting to £120, £100, £50, £30, £20, £10, £10). Your generosity is much appreciated. The church is open on Sunday and Monday from 2.00pm – 4.00pm for donations. Cash donations marked “Food Bank” may be posted through the presbytery letterbox. **Donations of tinned carrots, Penguin/Kit-Kat biscuits and individual sachets of pasta would be welcomed. Thank you.**

STAMPS FOR THE RNIB There is a box in the church porch for used stamps for the RNIB.

FOOTSTEPS on THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER at 7.30pm We are so delighted to welcome back **Sr Helen Costigane** to Footsteps in the **parish centre of St Peter's, Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA**. She is an engaging and captivating speaker and this time she's going to help us in **"Rediscovering Mary"**. Sr Helen says: Linking Mary, the Mother of Jesus and the idea of ‘girl power’ might seem like bordering on the absurd. We all have different ideas and images of Mary in our mind and in our prayer life.

JOB VACANCIES A vacancy has arisen within the Diocese of Shrewsbury for the role of Clergy Welfare Support Worker. The role would be to support the Diocesan Welfare Nurse in her duties. **Hours:** 22.5 per week over 3 days, with a degree of flexibility. **Salary:** Competitive. For more details, please see the Diocesan Website

<https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> CV's should be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org **Closing date:** Friday 24 October 2025.

The Diocese of Wrexham is currently looking to appoint a Personal Assistant to the Right Rev Bishop Peter Brignall, the position will be based in Wrexham. For a job description please [click this link](#). For more information [click here](#). **Closing date: November 10th, 2025.** Interview dates: 18th and 19th November, 2025.

HARRYTOWN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL is currently recruiting for various roles, including teaching, technicians and Learning Mentors. Please visit the school website for more information - www.harrytownschool.org

MARRIAGE CARE If you are going through difficulties in your relationship, Stockport Marriage Care can offer a confidential counselling service. You can contact them on 0800 3893801 or search www.marriagecare.org.uk



THE ST CHRISTOPHER CENTRE Booking enquiries please to Ruth Craven: Tel 07423 682266 or email ruthcraven@hotmail.co.uk

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